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**TO:** William F. Caton, Acting Secretary

**FROM:** John Lindsay, Operational Committee Chairperson

**RE:** Proposed FCC Rule Making Docket No. 93-106 ITFS  
Channel Loading.

A letter dated June 14, 1993 was sent to the commission regarding "Channel Loading". In that letter, I expressed strong opposition to "channel loading". Since that time, the operational committee of the consortium has had an opportunity to meet and discuss the issue. As a result of this discussion, this letter was written and expresses our views on "channel loading" as proposed in FCC Docket No. 93-106.

The Kern Education Television Consortium (KETC), in the strongest terms possible, opposes any rule change which would limit the number of channels available to education or lead to the reduction of channels presently reserved for education.

Providing that the channels currently held by ITFS operators remain available and that the number of channels reserved for education remain at 20 and not reduced to 5, we are not in principal opposed to "channel loading." We in fact believe that it will allow for technological advancements such as in the area of digital compression that would not be possible under strict enforcement of "channel mapping" regulations.

Thank you for allowing us this additional input.

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